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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MEA Undersecretary (United Nations Political) Vishwesh Negi on January 25. Negi had hinted to PolOff on January 23 that Lidder would be extended, saying that the official response would come from the Mission in NYC, but that the answer was "good." However, on January 24, the office of the Minister of State for Defense contacted Naval Attaché to inform that Lidder would not be extended, but instead would be immediately recalled to New Delhi to take another posting. On January 25, when PolOff informed Negi of the MOD's message, Negi expressed surprise, even questioning if this was a joke. PolOff asked him to confirm with the MOD, and to get back to us with a confirmation early the week of January 28, to which he agreed.

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